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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24

REF: STATE 188378 AND USUN 3628

- 1. WE ARE TRANSMITTING BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM THE TEXT OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PUERTO RICO WHICH WILL BE TABLED, WE BELIEVE, ON AGUSUT 14.
- 2. AT ITS MEETING ON AUGUST 13 THE COMMITTEE OF 24 APPROVED BY CONSENSUS THE 77TH REPORT OF THE WORKING CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUP (A/AC.109/L.1045), POUCHED TO THE DEPARTMENT, AND

APPROVED THE REQUESTS BY INDEPENDENCE PARTY LEADER RUBEN BERRIOS, SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER JUAN MARI BRAS, AND PUERTO RICAN PEACE COUNCIL LEADER NOEL COLON MARTINE TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE. THE COMMITTEE ALSO AGREED TO BEGIN DISCUSSING PUERTO RICO AT A MEETING ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 14. MEETINGS HAVE ALSO BEEN SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY MORNING AND AFTERNOON, AUGUST 15.

- 3. THE AUSTRALIAN, CHILEAN AND DANISH MISSION OFFICERS EMPHASIZED THE PROVISIONAL NATURE OF THE DRAFT AND THE DANISH MISSION OFFICER REPORTED THAT PARAGRAPH 5(OBSERVER STATUS) MIGHT BE DELETED.
- 4. THE FOLLOWING IS A TENTATIVE ASSESSMENT OF HOW MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE OF 24 MIGHT VOTE ON THE DRAFT RESOLUTION.

IN FAVOR: BULGARIA, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, INDIA, IRAQ, MALI, SIERRA LEONE, SYRIA, USSR, YUGOSLAVIA.

OPPOSED: AUSTRALIA, CHILE, IRAN, DENMARK (?).

ABSTAIN: AFGHANISTAN, ETHIOPIA, FIJI, INDONESIA, IVORY COAST, TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, TUNISIA, TANZANIA. (12-4-8).

5. WE WILL REVIEW ESTIMATE ON AUGUST 14.

6. ON THE BASIS OF COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM VARIOUS MISSIONS, WE BELIEVE THAT THE VERY SEVERITY OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION MIGHT GIVE US A FIGHTING CHANCE OF OPPOSING IT SUCCESSFULLY. AN AMENDED, LESS EXTREME, RESOLUTION WOULD BE EVEN MORE DIFFICULT TO OPPOSE SUCCESSFULLY. MOYNIHAN UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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